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SUBJECT: DATE AND PLACE OF ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING

REF: WELLINGTON 1737

1. SUMMARY: I DISCUSSED DATE AND PLACE ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING WITH PM KIRK 31 AUGUST. HE SUGGESTED MEETING BETWEEN 9-28 FEB IN NZ. END SUMMARY.

2. HE SAID HE AND WHITLAM WERE STILL AGREED ON NZ VENUE, WITH ATTENDANCE BY SECSTATE OR UNDER SECRETARY.

A. TIMING: HE FULLY ACCEPTED MY EXPLANATION OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED FOR US IN SCHEDULING DURING END 1973. AS TO NZ, EVERYONE EXCEPT KIRK GOES ON SUMMER HOLIDAY IN DECEMBER. HE PLANS VISIT BANGLADESH, INDONESIA, SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA IN DECEMBER. HE AND NEW ZEALAND WILL BE FULLY OCCUPIED DURING JANUARY AND UNTIL FEBRUARY 9TH BY QUEEN'S VISIT, COMMONWEALTH GAMES, AND FIRST NATIONAL CELEBRATION NEW ZEALAND'S INDEPENDENCE ON WAITANGI DAY, FEBRUARY 6TH. QUEEN LEAVES NEW ZEALAND FEBRUARY 9. SO ANZUS MEETING THEREAFTER IN FEBRUARY WOULD SUIT PM WELL AND HE NO LONGER FEELS STRONGLY THAT MEETING SHOULD OCCUR IN 1973.

B. VENUE. HE REPEATED REASONS SET FORTH IN REFTTEL
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AND PRECEDING TELEGRAMS, ESPECIALLY WELLINGTON 1717, PARA 3. HE ALSO FELT IT MIGHT BE TO US BENEFIT AS MEANS OF SHOWING CONTINUING US INTEREST AND EXPRESSING US VIEWPOINT IN ASIA/PACIFIC REGION.

3. HE SUMMED UP THAT MEETING IN NZ WOULD ALLOW THE
EQUALITY AMONG THE MEMBERS OF ANZUS.
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